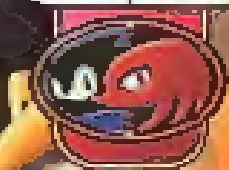


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PART ONE

ONE WINTER'S MORNING, IN
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

WE MAKE
A GREAT TEAM,
SONIC—SAY NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT!

YOU BETCHA,
LITTLE BUDDY! JUST
KEEP SPINNING THOSE
TAILS 'TIL ANYONE
CRIES "UNCLE!"

ALORS!
ZIS IS MY
WATERLOO!

YOU'RE A
WIZARD WHEN IT
COMES TO
BUILDING THINGS,
BOOMER!

THANKS, PRINCESS...
BUT CALL ME ROTOR. I'M
GETTIN' TOO OLD
TO BE CALLED BOOMER
ANYMORE.

**BOMBS
AWAY!!**



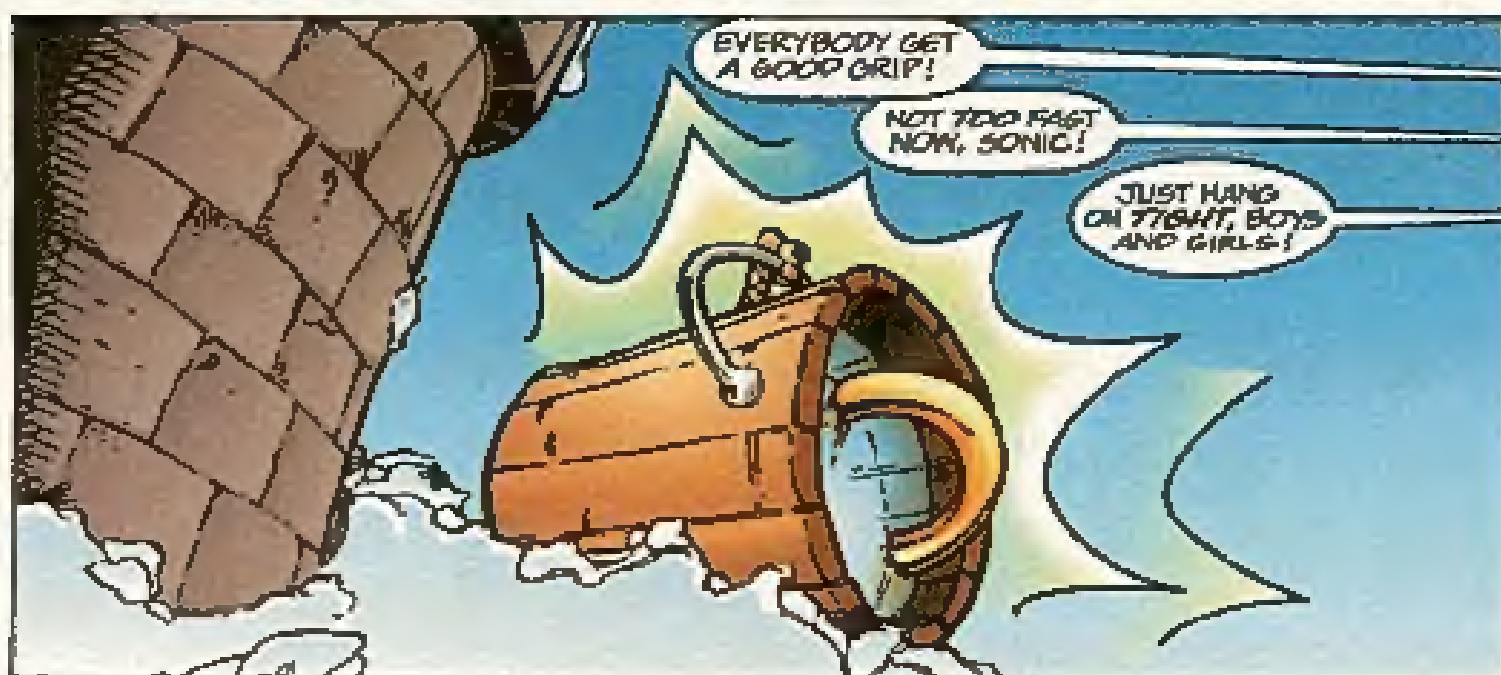
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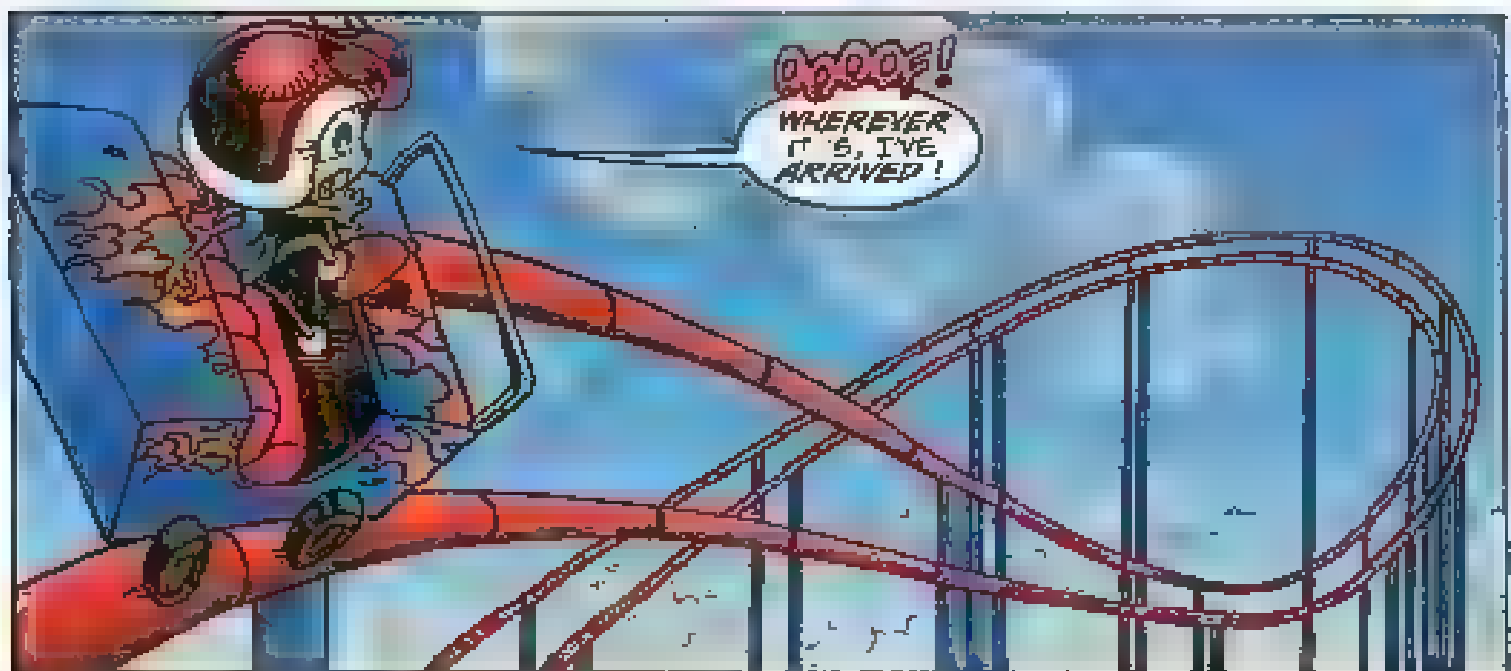




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UH-OH...
IS THIS TRIP
NECESSARY??

EEEEEE

WHOO!
IT ALMOST
THREW
ME!

HEY!
I DON'T
LIKE BEING
JERKED
AROUND!

I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...
I MAY BE THE NEW RULER OF MOOBLES
A LOT SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!
I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MY
SITUATION AND FAST!

THERE!
THAT'S
BETTER.
JULAYLA*
TELLS ME
THAT A
LEADER
NEEDS TO
MAINTAIN
CONTROL
AT ALL
TIMES

HAHAH- IS
THAT SOMETHING
ON THE
HORIZON?

IT LOOKS
LIKE NO.
IT COULDN'T
BE!

DADDY!
IT IS YOU!


* JULAYLA IS SALLY'S
TUTOR, SEEN ELSEWHERE
IN THIS ISSUE- EDDY TOR

DADDY WHY IS
YOUR FACE MADE OUT
OF GREEN CRYSTAL?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
PLEASE ANSWER
ME!

MY WHOLE WORLD
IS SHATTERED!

BUT IT'S MY
DUTY TO CARRY ON
AND DO MY BEST!

I HOPE
THAT MY FELLOW
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
AND I ARE UP TO THE
CHALLENGE!



I AM YOU
AND YOU ARE
ME!

WE ARE ALL
TOGETHER!

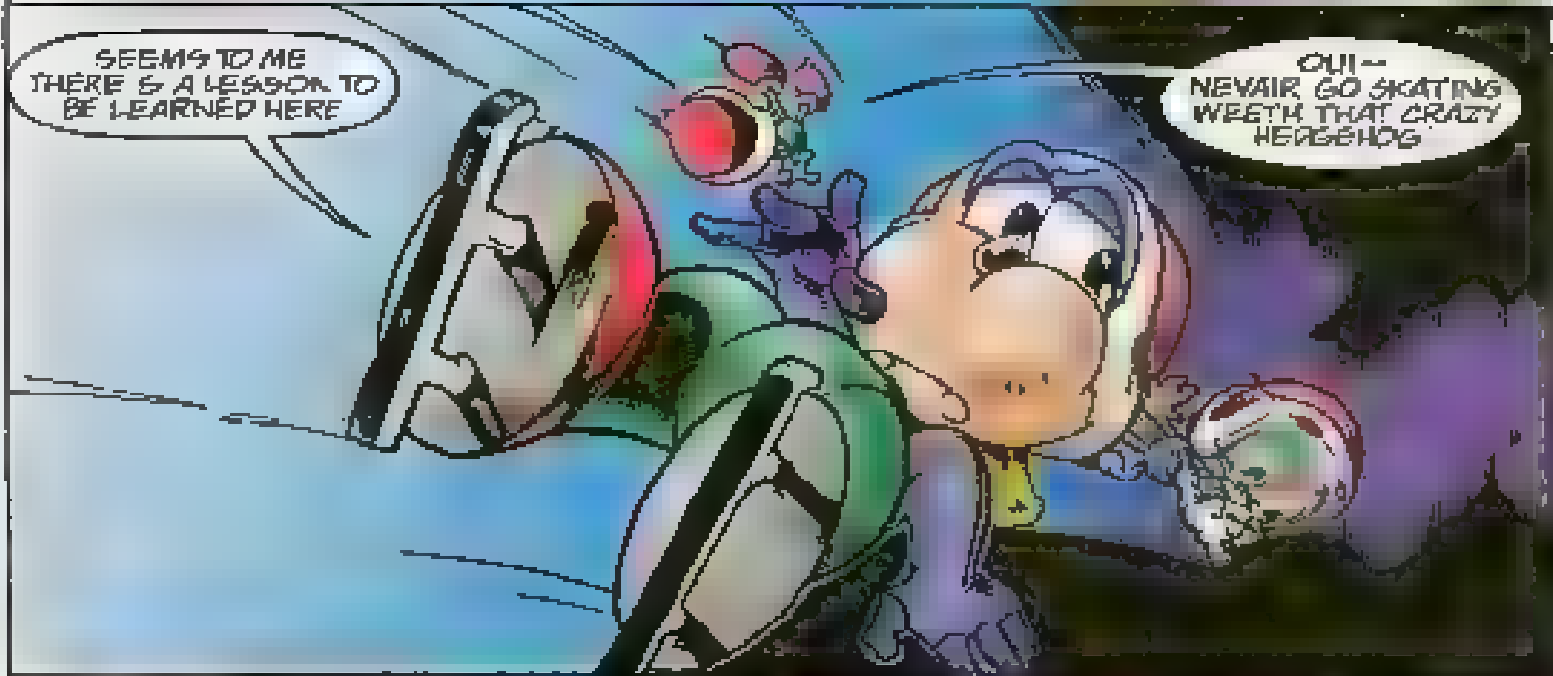
I AM
THE WALRUS
AT LEAST I
WAS!

WE'VE
GOT TO STOP
MEETING LIKE
THIS!

GUYS, I
THINK WE'VE BEEN
TRANSFERTED
INTO SOME KIND OF
WEIRD ZONE.

WE CAN
ALL AGREE
ON THAT...

ZEE IMPORDANT
THING EES. I TH NK I
SEE ZEE EXIT!



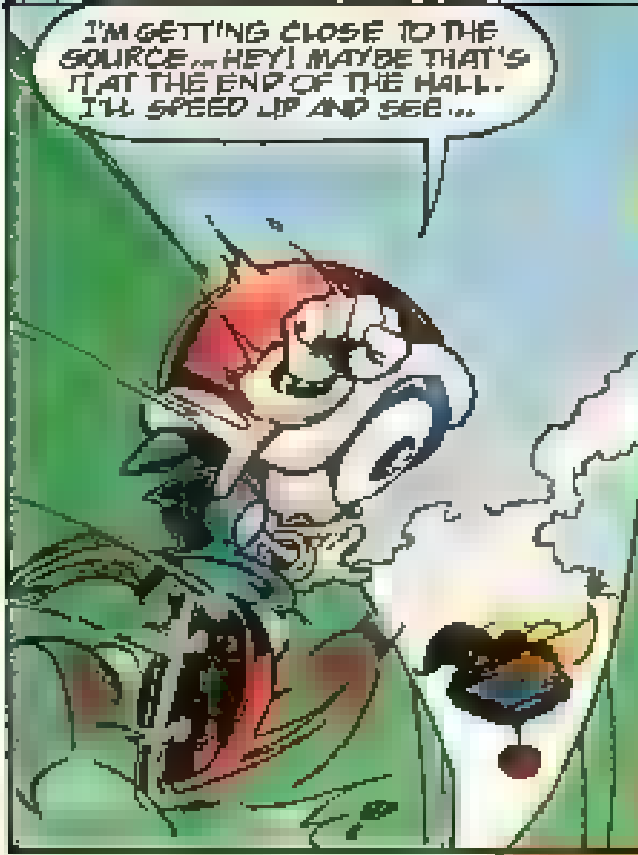
MEGA RAD!
I'VE BEEN PULLED
INSIDE A ZONE! WHAT
NONE OF MY FRIENDS KNOW
IS THAT I'VE BEEN IN ONE
BEFORE... WITH RAY THE
SQUIRREL AND MIGHTY THE
ARMADILLO!

* SONIC "COMPLETISTS" KNOW THAT THIS OCCURRED IN THE SONIC ARCADE GAME
WANT TO SEE IT SERIALIZED IN A COMIC BOOK STORY? LOOK FOR IT IN KNUCKLES #26! --JFG

THIS ZONE
LOOKS BRAND NEW!
IN FACT
IT'S STILL UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM
THESE RINGS, I'LL BET I CAN
FIND THE ACTUAL CREATOR OF
THIS NUTTY PLACE AND SEE
HOW IT'S DONE!

I'M GETTING CLOSE TO THE SOURCE... HEY! MAYBE THAT'S IT AT THE END OF THE HALL. I'LL SPEED UP AND SEE...



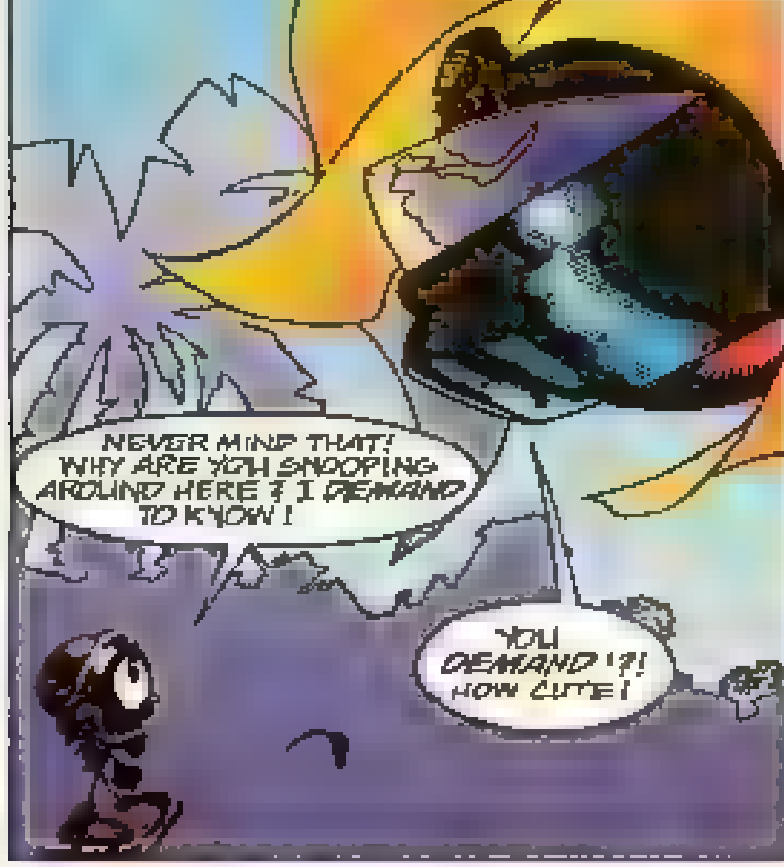
HEY- I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE KING ACORN'S OLD WARLORD, JULIAN!

PLEASE--CALL ME AROBOTNIK! HOW DID YOU GET IN THE ZONE, LITTLE HERCULES?



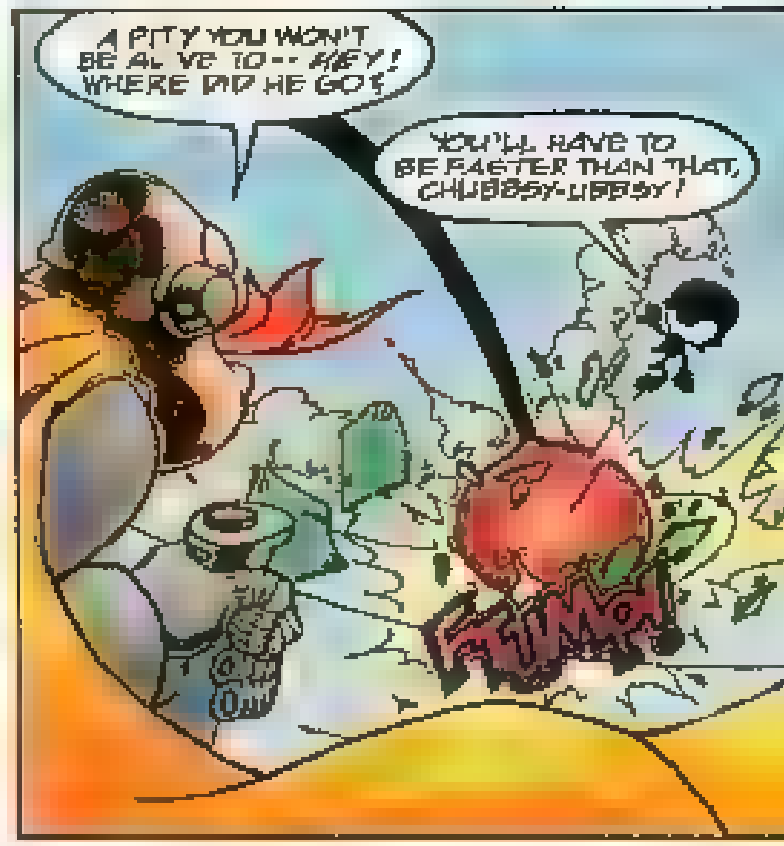
NEVER MIND THAT! WHY ARE YOU SNOOPING AROUND HERE? I DEMAND TO KNOW!

YOU DEMAND!? HOW CUTE!



A PITY YOU WON'T BE ALIVE TO-- HEY! WHERE DID HE GO?

YOU'LL HAVE TO BE FASTER THAN THAT, CHUBBY-LIBBY!





HERE'S SOMETHING I'VE
BEEN WORKING ON... I CALL IT
MY "SONIC SPIN!"

KTANG!

DON'T DELAY ME, YOU
BLUE BOOB! I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER THE
ZONE'S CREATIVE FORCE!
IT'S A PRIMAL SOURCE
OF POWER THAT MUST
BE MINE!

NO... STOP! DON'T!
YOU'VE DAMAGED THE
HYPER-DRIVE! IT'S
OVERLOADING!

CHUUKA

DOOOOM!

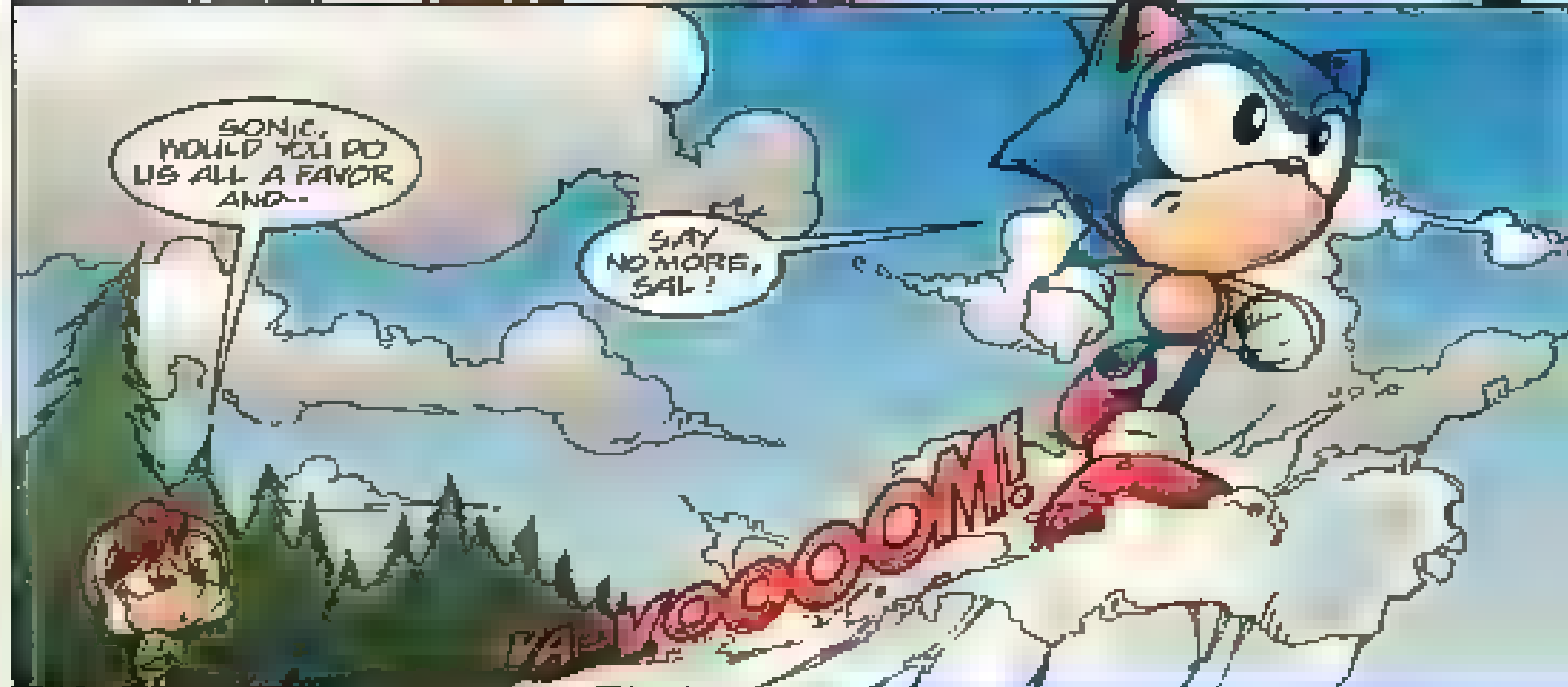
YOU KNOW, I'VE
BEEN RE-THINKING THAT
IDEA AND I DECIDED THAT
IT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT
SUPPOSED TO SEE...

AND IF I CAN'T
SEE IT, YOU SURE AREN'T
GOING TO!

I HATE
THAT LITTLE
HERZENDG!

OKAY, I CAN
TAKE A HINT... I
KNOW WHEN I'M
NOT WANTED!

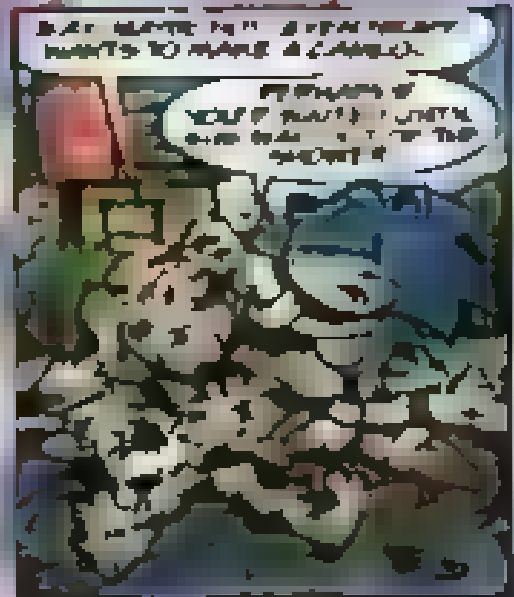
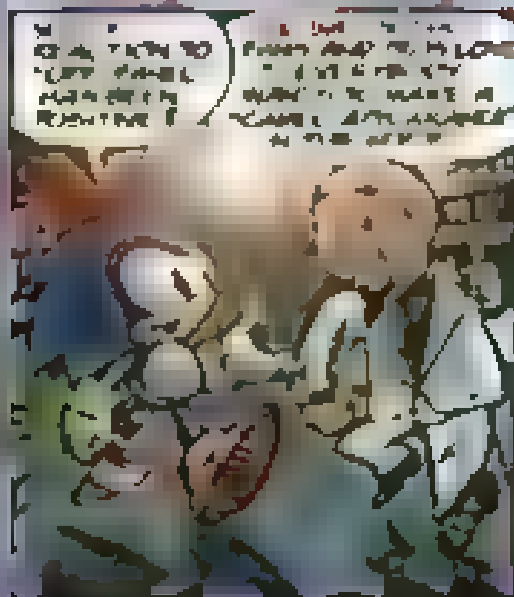
AND I ALSO
KNOW WHAT I WANT.
AND THAT'S OUT
OF HERE!



THE END

COMIC GRAMS

Special #9



OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

As you can see from this comic strip above, Panel 1 is still going strong. The only problem here is that I had when I did one of my favorite stories of the month — which was giving credit to what I had done for two stories. Panel 1 is still going strong. The only problem here is that I had when I did one of my favorite stories of the month — which was giving credit to what I had done for two stories.

With this issue, I'd like to bring a spotlight on some of the stories in **COMIC GRAMS SPECIAL #9** "Crossover Chaos" on late early July 1) from a story that began in **COMIC GRAMS** Vol. 1.0. Since then, the comic has been under the control of a writer known as The Enchantress. With a single issue, she plans to take out of her world and drop her into a world of... (The rest of the text is too blurry to transcribe accurately.)



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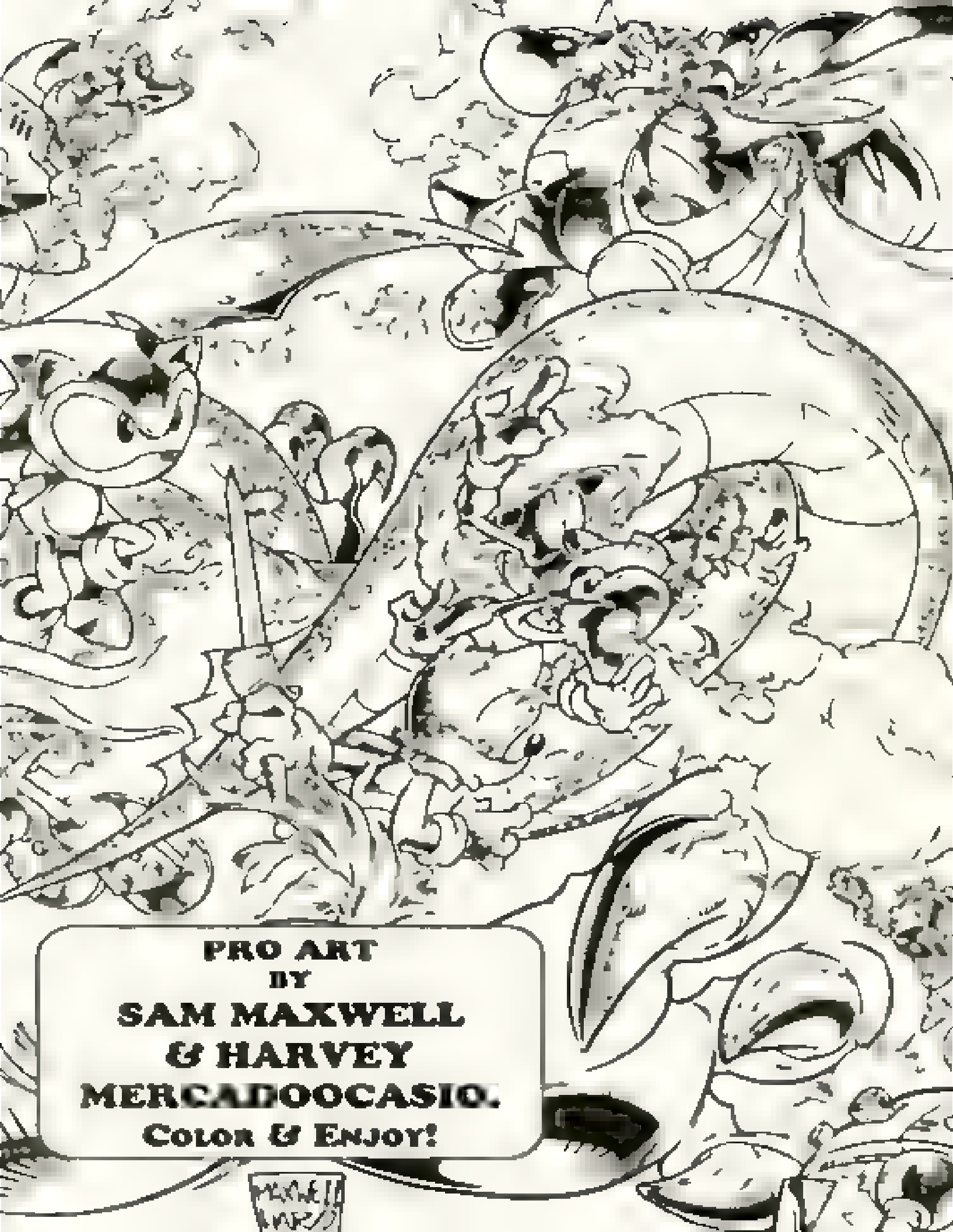
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Q: SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6 (SONIC SA-DIRECTOR'S CUT)

Dear Sonic-Guns,

I just loved the "Director's Cut" how the real nature of Robotnik's plans are revealed. I have 2 low questions about old Flare. 1) How was Robotnik's arm, robotized? 2) I hope what Buck Chuck said in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7 about Robotnik probably coming back (page 14) is not true, but how did Robotnik appear in issue #52? Could he be trying to trick you?

Michael Shampag

(Age 13)

Howard Beach, NY

Glad you enjoyed SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6, Michael. 1) The details are sketchy, but it seems to have happened "soon after" Robotnik took over. Rumor has it, Sonic had something to do with it. 2) The Robotnik from issue #52 was from another zone.

Dear Knuckles,

A few weeks ago I read SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4, the issue in "Sonic SA-Director's Cut." SONIC AND KNUCKLES HAVE DONE SO MANY GREAT THINGS, BUT THE GUY WHO PUT THEM TOGETHER DIDN'T START OUT NOT GETTING ALONG, SO ALL I'M GLAD YOU'RE FORGIVEN EACH OTHER!

Q

I © really love it

That's right, Jack. In fact,

there was a time when Knuckles was "Bored...as Sonic's friendly nemesis." How times have changed since SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13 is really "burying the hatchet" in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #51.

Dear Sonic-Guns Special:

I'm a long-time reader and I absolutely love the art of Patrick Spatz! Spazman and Sam Maxwell. Sonic & Knuckles comics rock! I've read SUPER SONIC SPECIAL #4 SONIC SA-DIRECTOR'S CUT seven times because I couldn't get a clone. I felt there wasn't enough Spaz art ever. My mom was going to let Patrick question time. Now that Robotnik's gone (hopefully, will he ever get de-robotized? If not, could Harold Koda appear in issue #53 when he was reported by Felix in issue #43)? Will there be a Despicable Freedom Fighters mini-series? I buy them for a prestige format EPOCH collection of an EPOCH animated series done by the same people who did the AM cartoon! I heard that they'll be a huge craze. That'll prove that Jack isn't a helpful woodshed animal. What else comic thing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was in to the 1980s? I hope, there's something in it. I hope, Ugh! Sonic TS, keep on price!

Love it Love this page

Spaz

1) An upcoming story in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13 will answer that question once and for all. 2) Simply put, the wizarding law Hangan had complete and utter power in that other zone and simply wished him back before

embarking on his mission to destroy it. The plans for the Hangan, as far as the DFF are concerned, they will be soon seen.

Dear Sonic,

I recently got Sonic Super Special #6. I really enjoyed it, the stories that went out from Sonic & Spaz were awesome! You enjoyed all of your 48-page specials. Is SEGA planning on making a new Sonic game for their new system (known as "Saturn")? What else keep on going?

Anthony Randolph

Atlanta, GA

YES! SEGA will be debuting their new 32-bit system this Fall 1994 here in the U.S. It is called THE SATURN! One of their new games is, of course, "SONIC ADVENTURE" Running at 60 frames per second in a total 3D environment, (for someone who had the brief privilege of playing it) believe me when I tell you, you haven't seen anything like this! Even on the Playstation! NO JOKE!

Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so much great stuff...

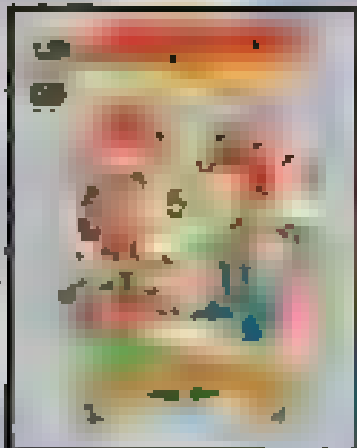
Keep it real!

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In one week. The cover says it all. Knuckles comes face-to-face with his father. "Childhood's End" is one story you do not want to miss. It is a story all Knuckles fans have been wanting to see since issue #1

and now it's finally here. Knuckles' 15th anniversary issue is written by Ken Penders with art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #25 on sale early April 1994!



In three weeks. This issue contains the full and undisclosed life-story of Doctor Robotnik from an unexpected point-of-view. "I, Robotnik" is written by Karl Boller with art by Steven Butler and Pam Ekhardt! Also in this issue, Part One of "Tales of the Great War" By Knuckles writer Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72 on sale late April 1994! Don't miss it!





OH, DEAR...
DID YOU REMEMBER
TO PACK HER VITAMINS,
ROSIE?

I DID,
JULAYLA. THEY'RE
IN ONE OF THE HALF
DOZEN SUITCASES OF
HER CLOTHES!

GOOD HEAVENS,
LADIES! WE'RE ONLY
GOING TO BE GONE A
FEW DAYS!

HURRY UP,
DADDY! LET'S GO
NOW! I CAN'T
WAIT FOR OUR TRIP
TO START!

I'M SO EXCITED!
WE NEVER GET TO BE
ALONE TOGETHER!

I KNOW, SWEET.
HEART BEING KING TAKES
MOST OF MY TIME. BUT
BEING KING ALSO MEANS
YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF
A VACATION WHENEVER
YOU WANT!

SOME TIME LATER...

AAA-I NEEDED TO
GET AWAY, IT'S BEEN SO
BUSY LATELY.. WARLORD TULLAN
AND HIS ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT,
SNIVELY.. ALSO, SIR CHARLES'
INVENTIONS-

THAT'S MY
FRIEND SONIC'S
UNCLE!



BUT ENOUGH SHOP
TALK! LET'S DISCUSS
OUR VACATION.

YES!
WHERE ARE WE
GOING?

A SECRET
PLACE KNOWN
ONLY TO KINGS...
AND PERHAPS,
FUTURE
QUEENS!

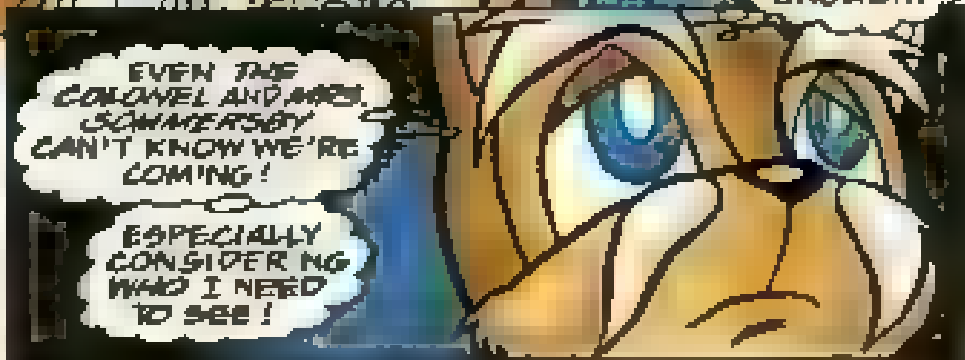
THAT'S
IF ELLIAS AND
ALICIA MET
WITH- NO!
I CAN'T EVEN
THINK IT!

FOR
NOW, AT LEAST,
SALLY MUSTN'T
LEARN THE
TRUE REASON
FOR THIS TRIP,
SHE'S BEEN
THROUGH
ENOUGH.

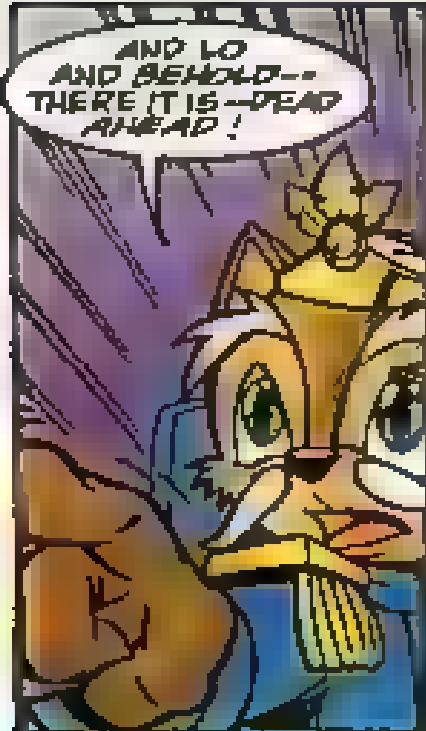


EVEN THE
COLONEL AND MRS.
SCHWARTZBY
CAN'T KNOW WE'RE
COMING!

ESPECIALLY
CONSIDERING
WHO I NEED
TO SEE!



AND LO
AND BEHOLD--
THERE IT IS--DEAD
AHEAD!



OH,
WOAH!

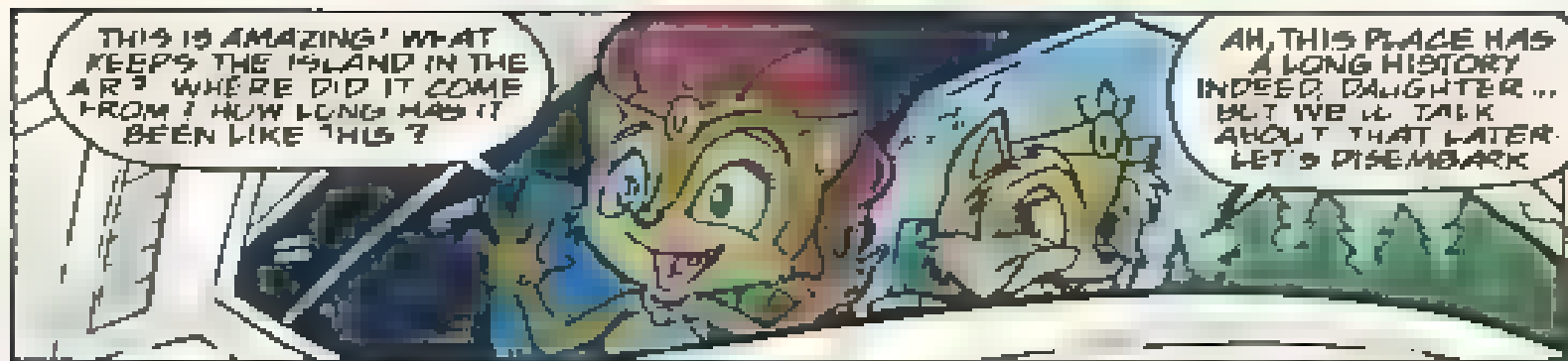


3 GASP!
IT-- IT'S A
FLOATING
ISLAND!

EXACTLY! AND
WE'RE GOING TO SPEND
THE NEXT FEW DAYS
EXPLORING IT!

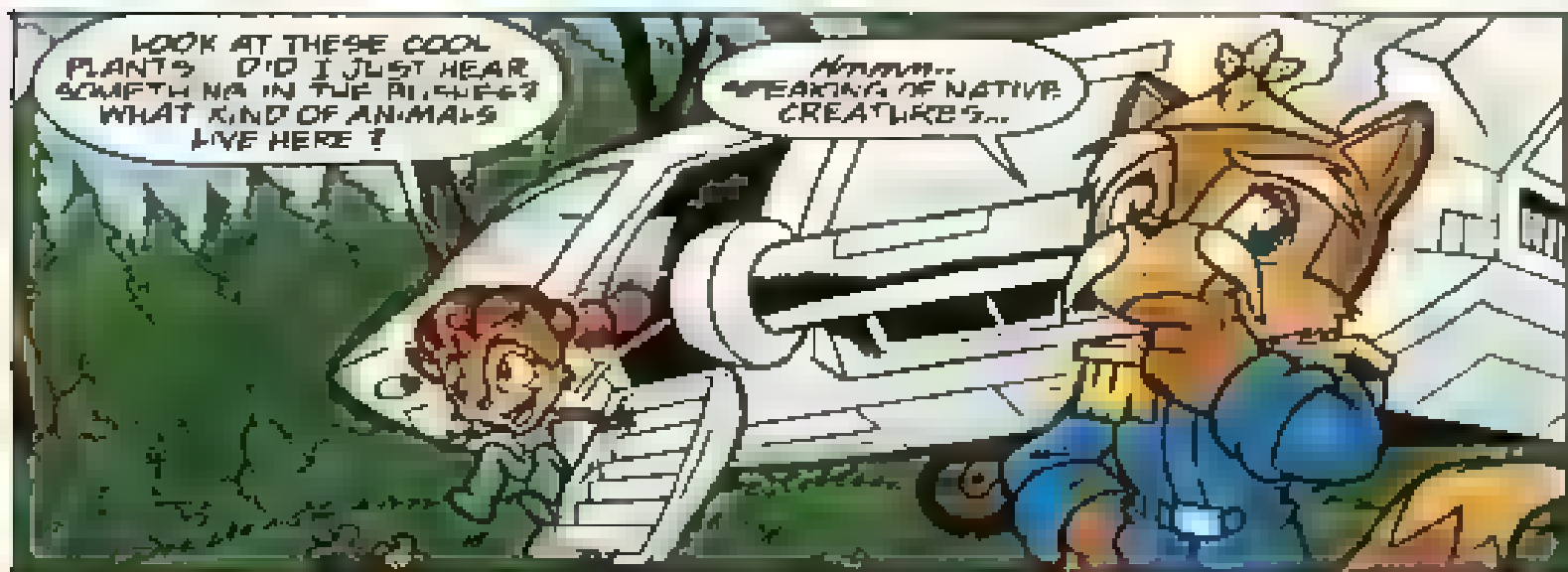


Heehee--
VISITORS!



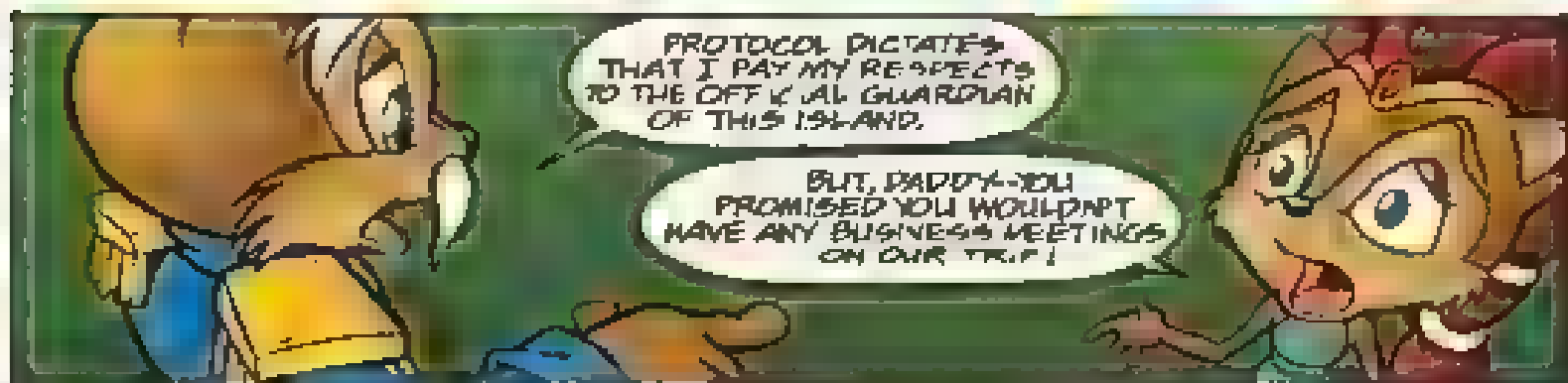
THIS IS AMAZING! WHAT
KEEPS THE ISLAND IN THE
AIR? WHERE DID IT COME
FROM? HOW LONG HAS IT
BEEN LIKE THIS?

AH, THIS PLACE HAS
A LONG HISTORY
INDEED, DAUGHTER...
BUT WE'LL TALK
ABOUT THAT LATER.
LET'S DISEMBARK.



LOOK AT THESE COOL
PLANTS. DID I JUST HEAR
SOMETHING IN THE BUSHES?
WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS
LIVE HERE?

HAHAHA...
SPEAKING OF NATIVE
CREATURES...



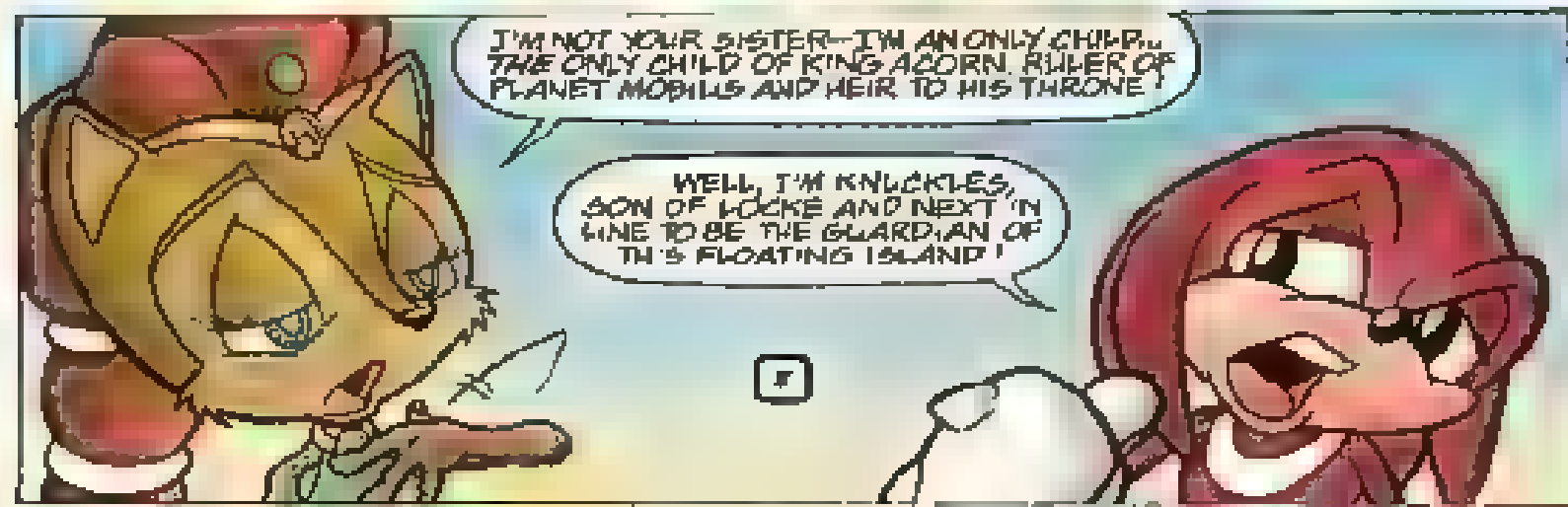
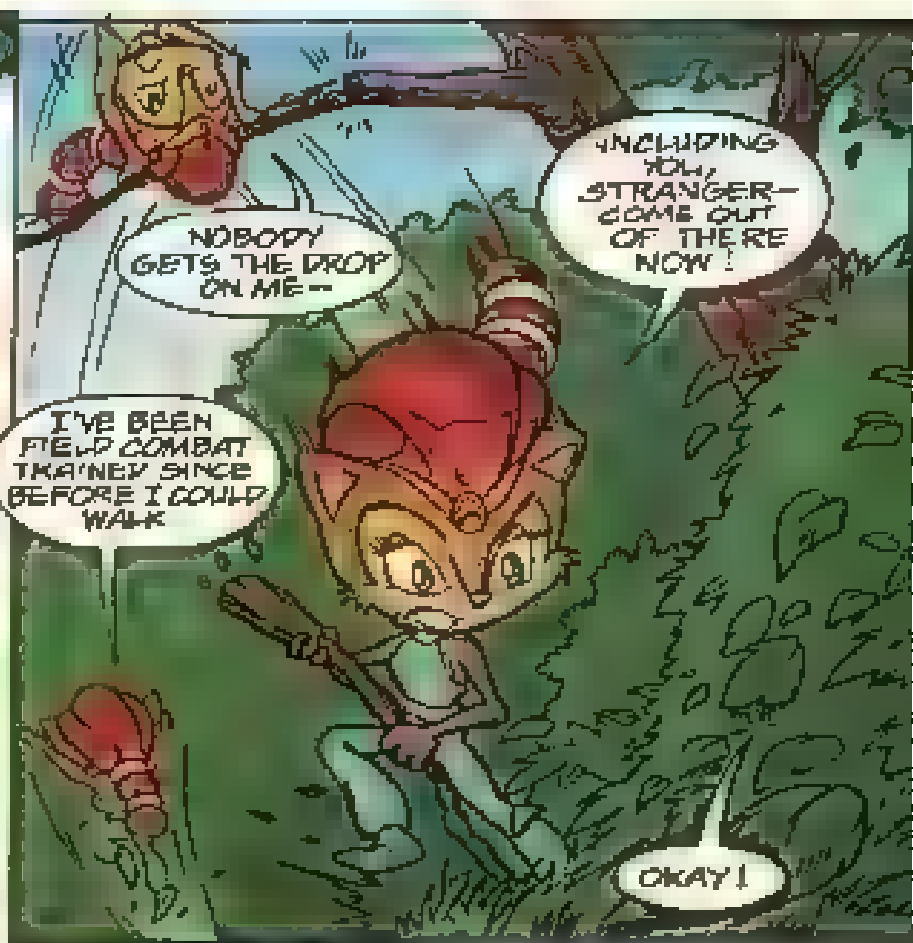
PROTOCOL DICTATES
THAT I PAY MY RESPECTS
TO THE OFFICIAL GUARDIAN
OF THIS ISLAND.

BUT, DADDY-- YOU
PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE ANY BUSINESS MEETINGS
ON OUR TRIP!



JUST THIS ONE SALLY IT WON'T TAKE LONG, I PROMISE
THEN IT'LL JUST BE YOU AND ME WANDER AROUND
HERE AND EXPLORE-- I'LL BE BACK SOON

OOOOHHHH...
ALL RIGHT



REALIZING HOW MUCH THEY HAVE IN COMMON, PRINCESS SALLY AND KNUCKLES BECAME FAST FRIENDS...

SO, YOU'RE VIOLATING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP RULES BY JUST TALKING TO ME? THAT'S PRETTY STRICT YOUR DUTIES SOUND ALMOST AS DIFFICULT AS MINE!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE GOT IT MUCH TOUGHER I DON'T GET TO GO ON FRivolous VACATIONS LIKE YOU!

OH, DON'T BE SILLY! YOU CAN'T COMPARE RULING THE WHOLE PLANET TO GUARDING THIS SILLY LITTLE ISLAND!

"SILLY LITTLE" HEY! WHO ARE YOU SHOVING?

KEEP YOUR HANDS AND YOUR SNOTTY REMARKS ABOUT MY HOME TO YOURSELF

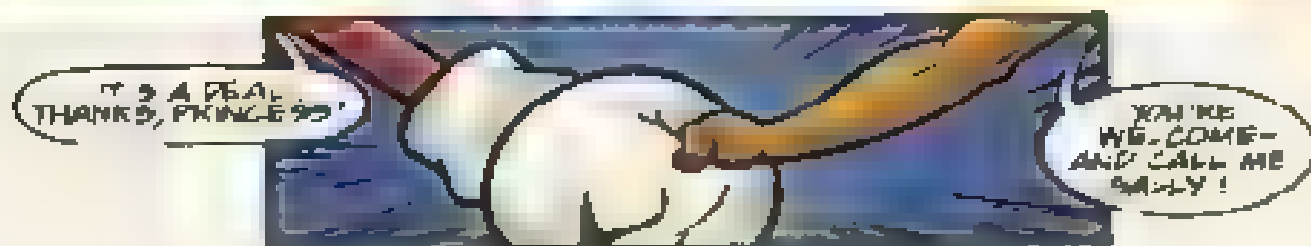
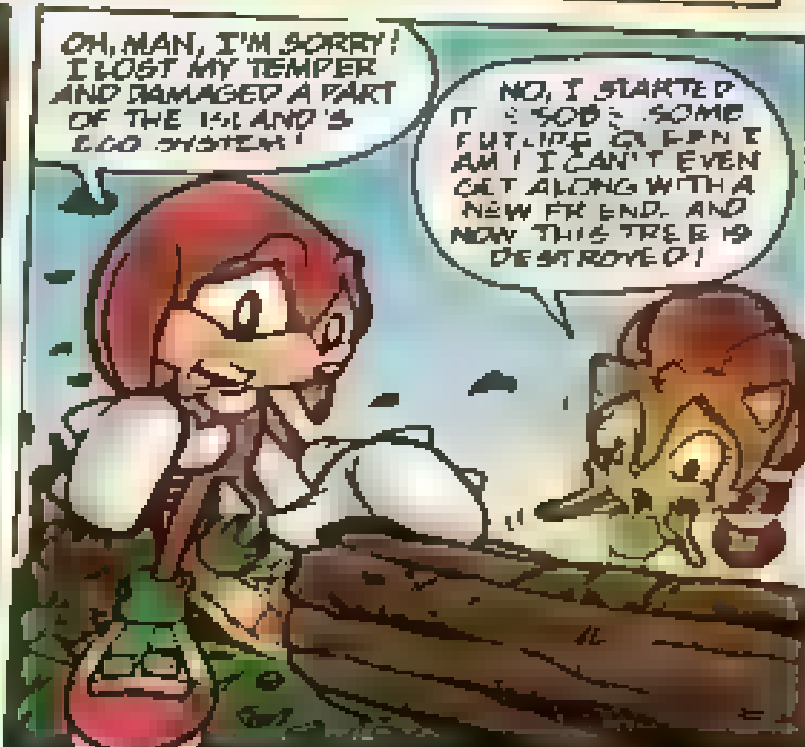
POOF!
YOU JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE, RED HOT SHOT!

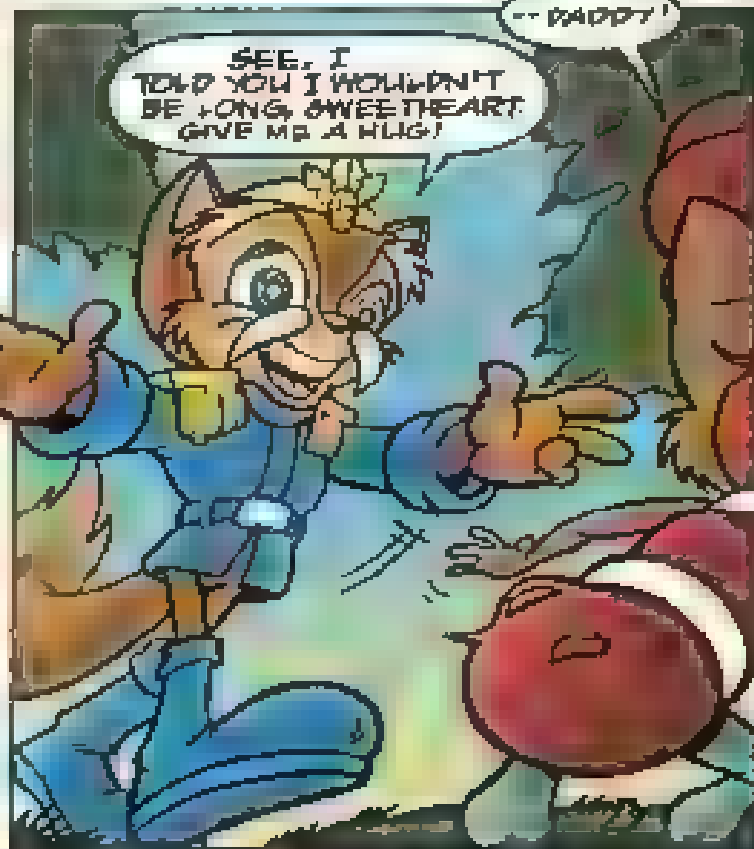
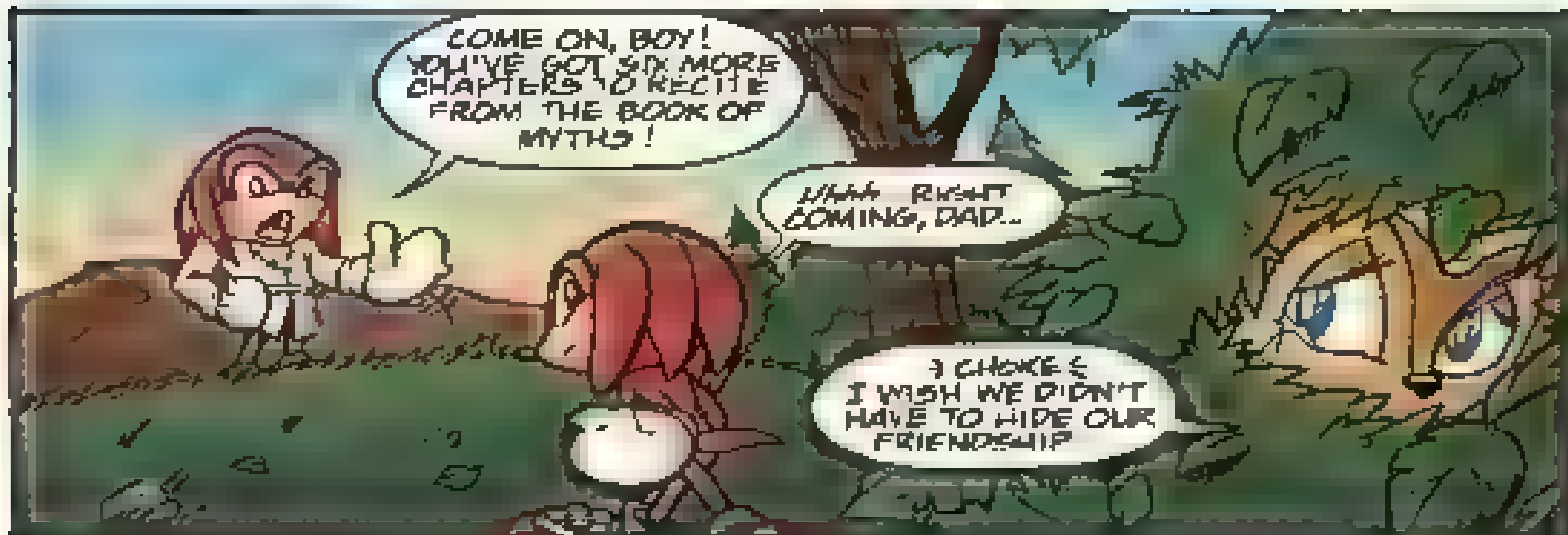
MY MENTOR, JULAYLA, HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS— INCLUDING THIS "FLIP BACK KICK!"*

BOON!

FLUMP!

* 2 YEARS FROM NOW, SALLY WILL USE THIS SAME MOVE ON KNUCKLES. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS— OR RATHER, WHEN IT WILL BE! I WRITE SOME GRAND AND GET A SPECIAL MENTION ON AN UPCOMING LETTERS PAGE!
—THE ALL-READING, ALL-KNOWING "REDITOR"





IN FACT, LOCKE MENTIONED
THAT HE HAS A SON ABOUT YOUR
AGE. I ASKED ABOUT HIM, BUT
THE BOY WASN'T AVAILABLE.

OH, THAT'S OKAY,
DADDY.. I HAVE LOTS OF
FRIENDS BACK HOME... SONIC,
BOOMER, ANTOINE...

I'M JUST
GLAD TO BE
SPENDING
TIME WITH YOU!
C'MON---LET'S GO
EXPLORING!

AWW--
WHAT A NICE
THING TO
SAY..

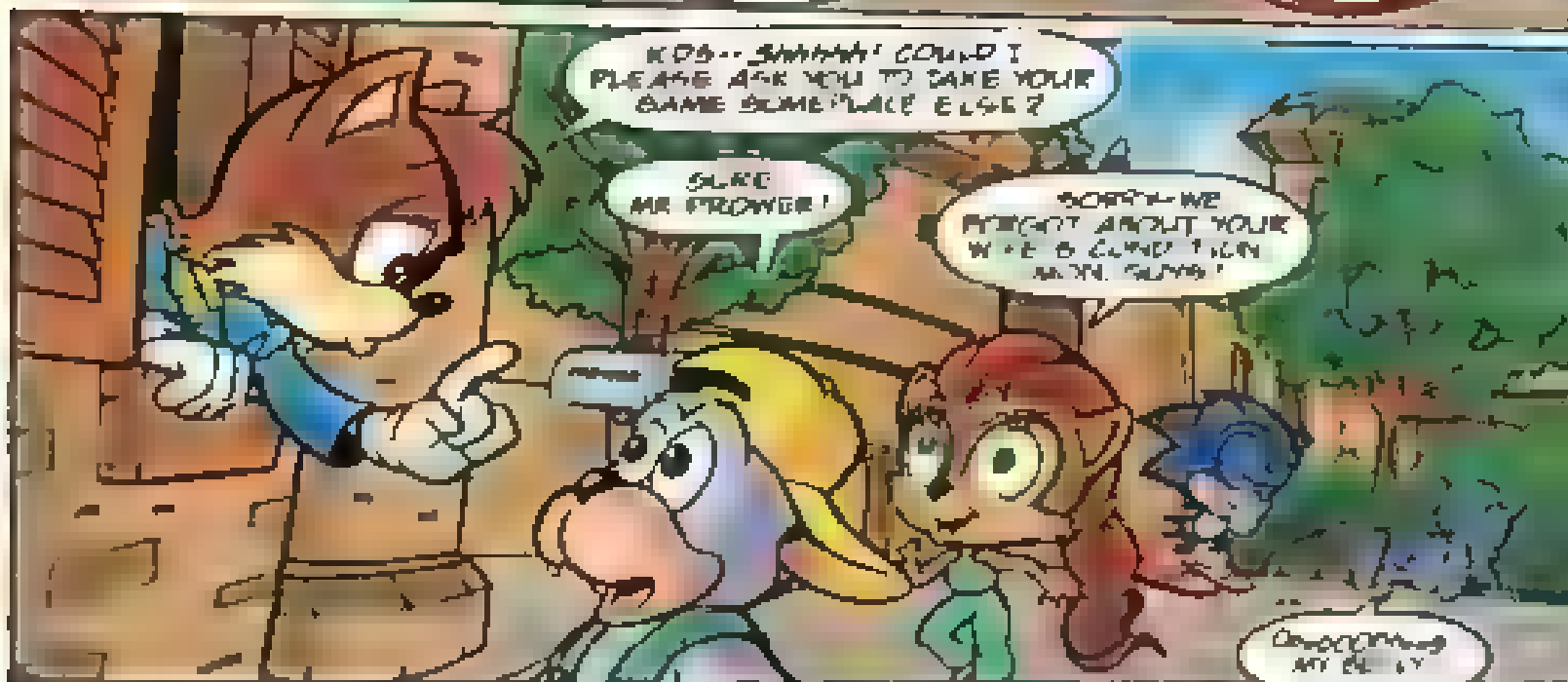
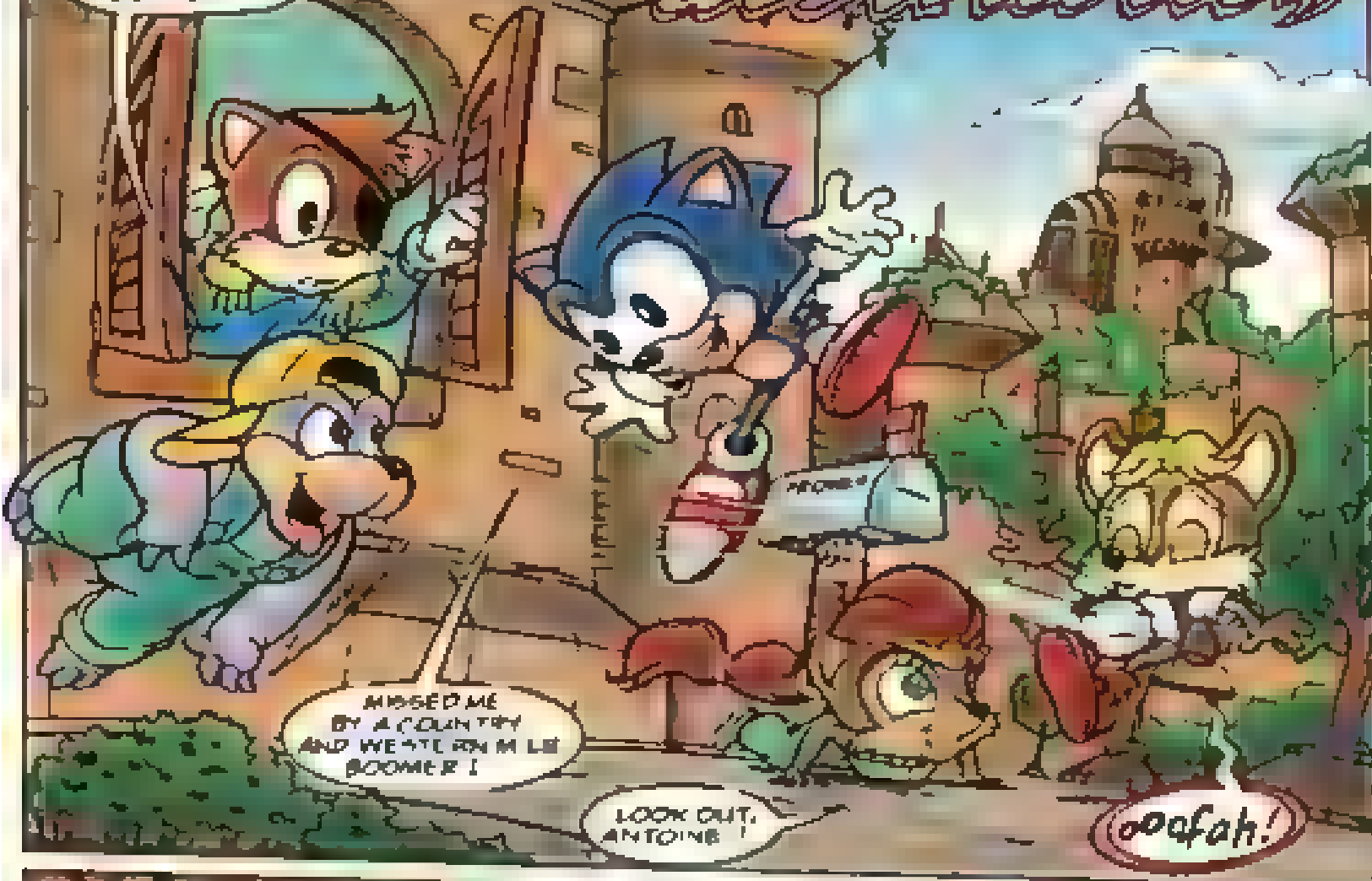
SO LONG FOR NOW,
PRINCESS SALLY... I HAVE
A FUNNY FEELING THAT
OUR PATHS WILL CROSS
AGAIN SOME DAY!

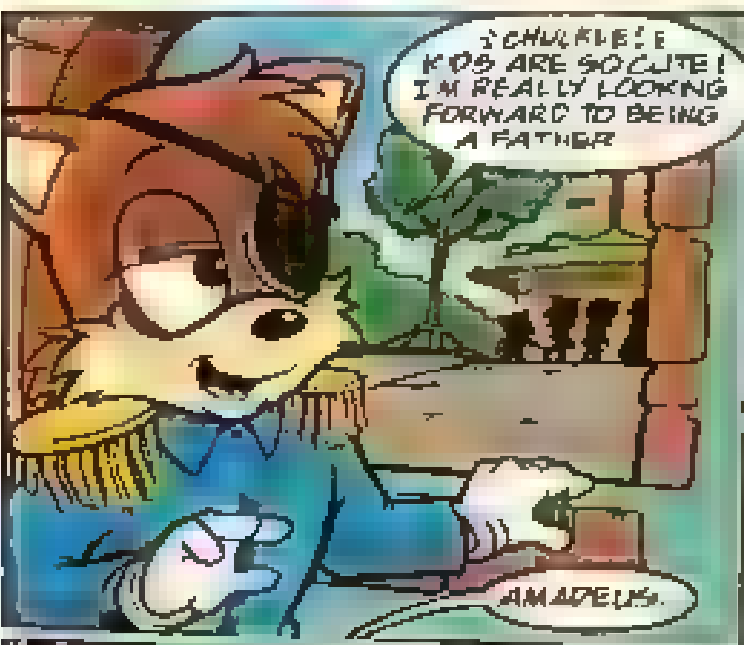
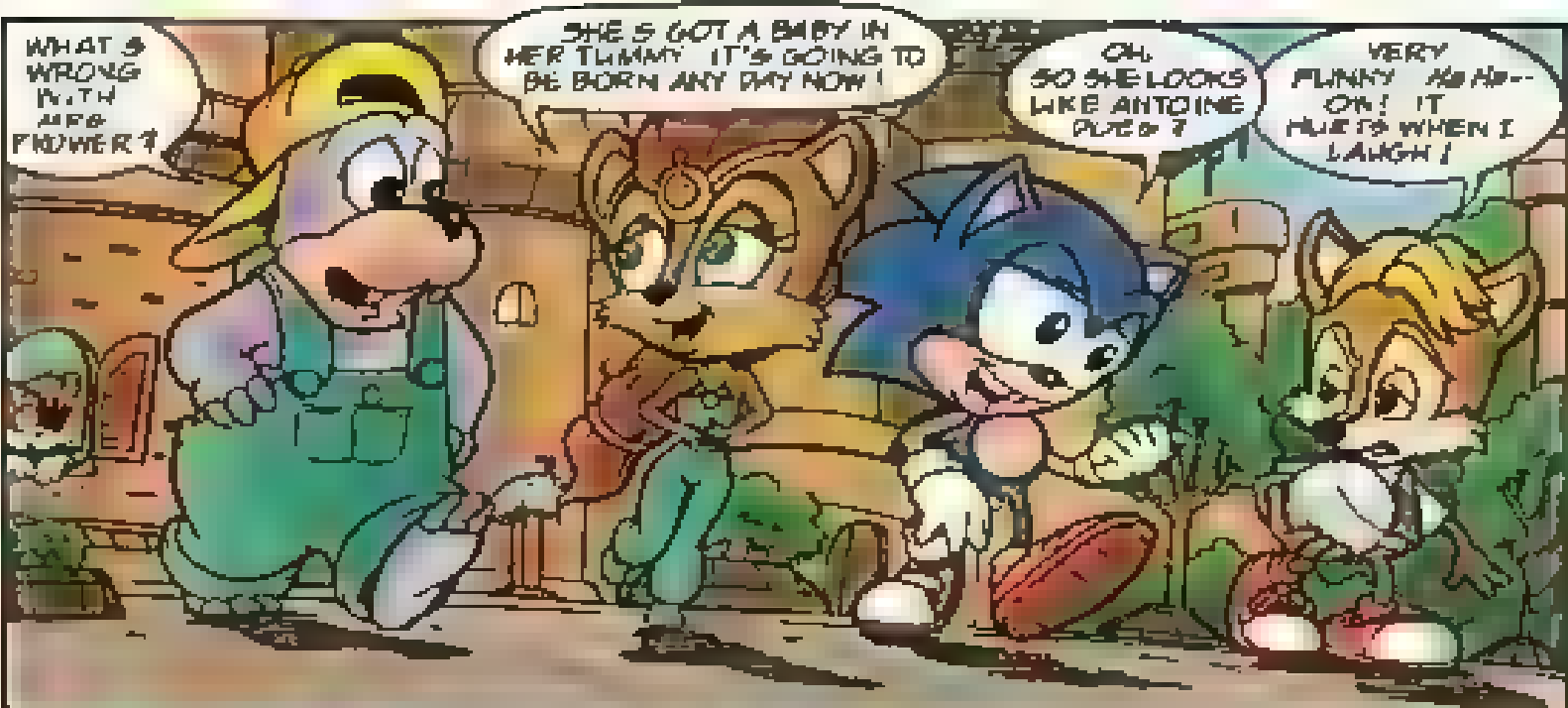
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and in many ways--
THE BEGINNING!!

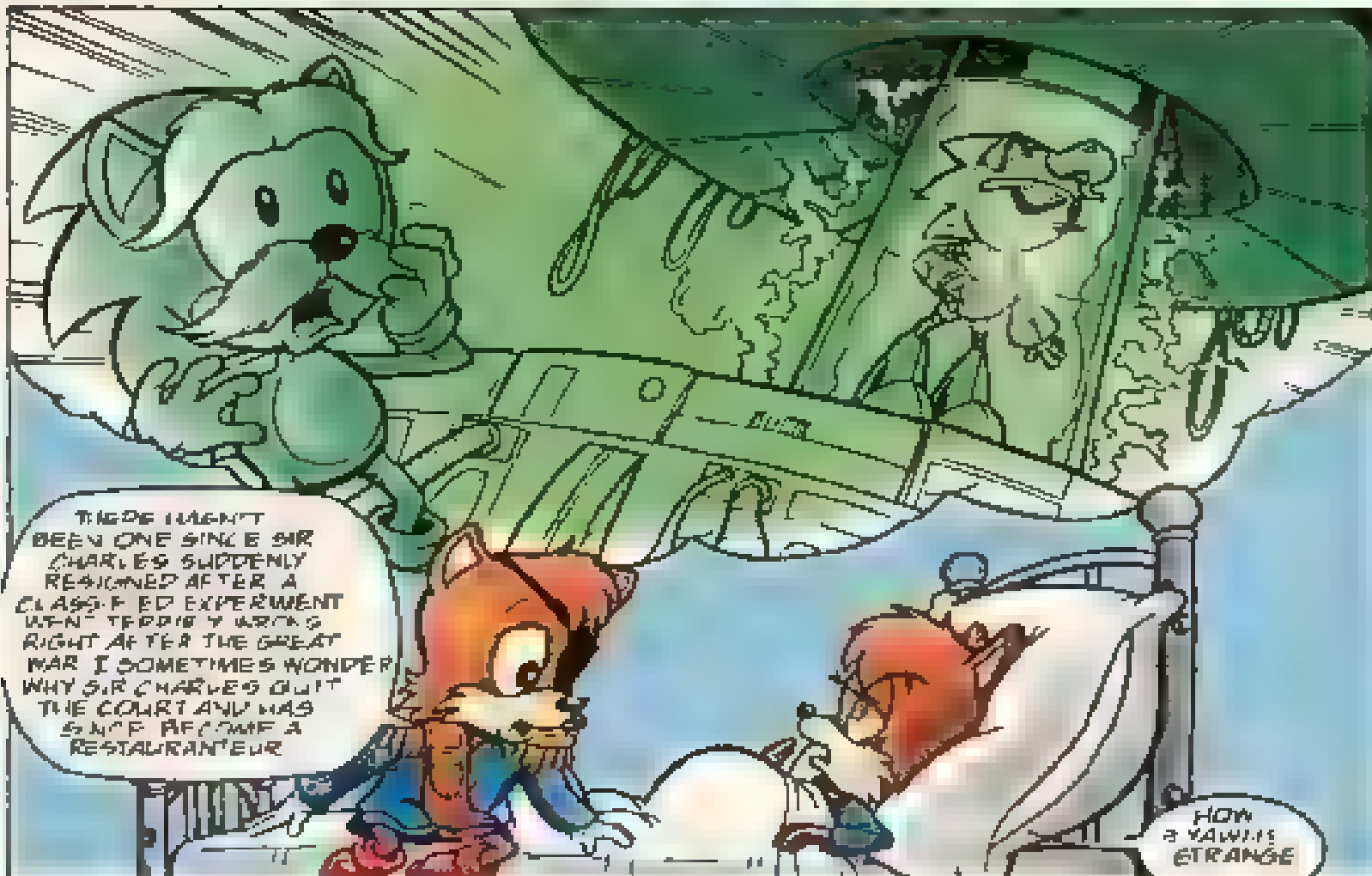
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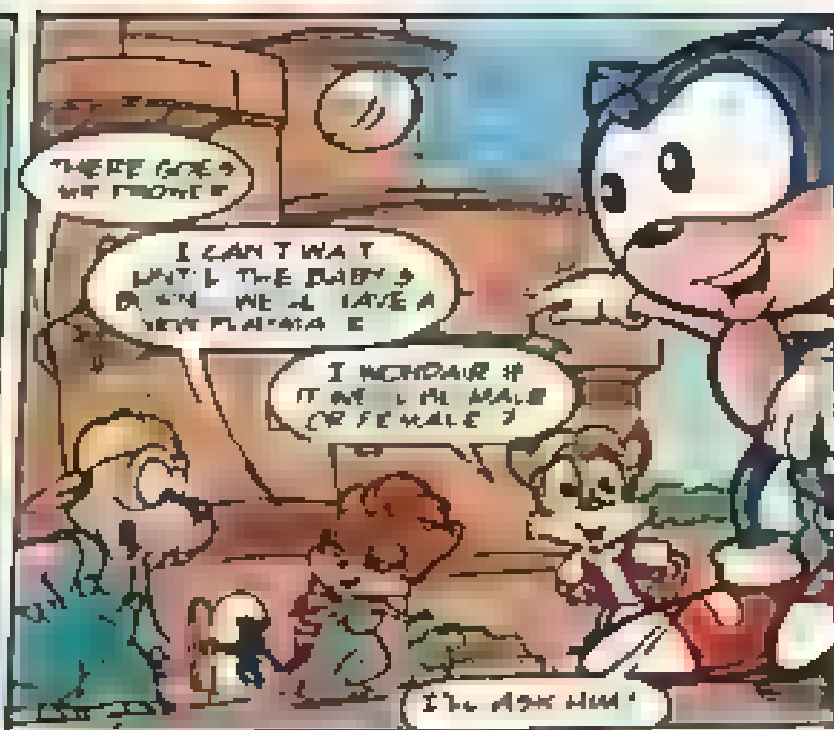
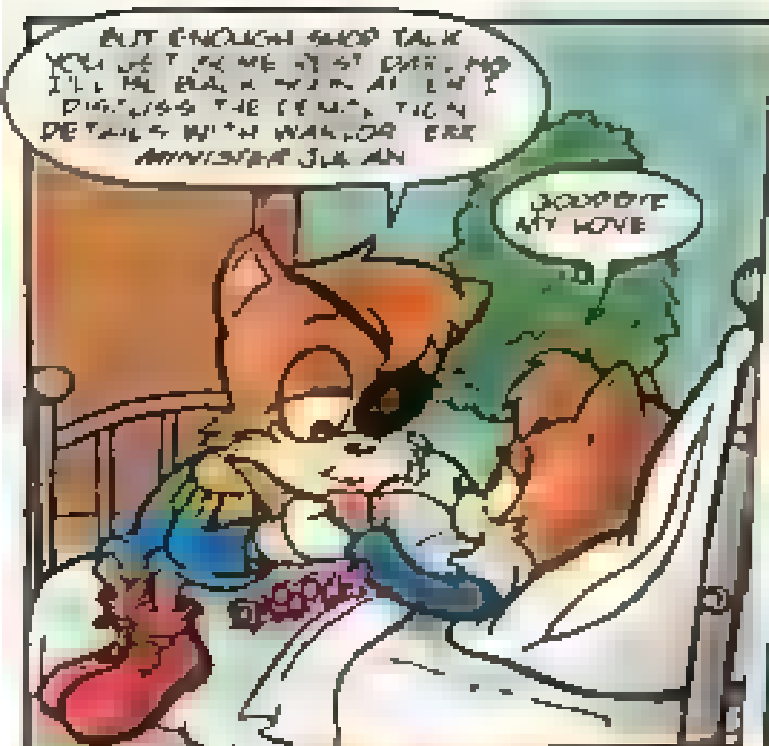
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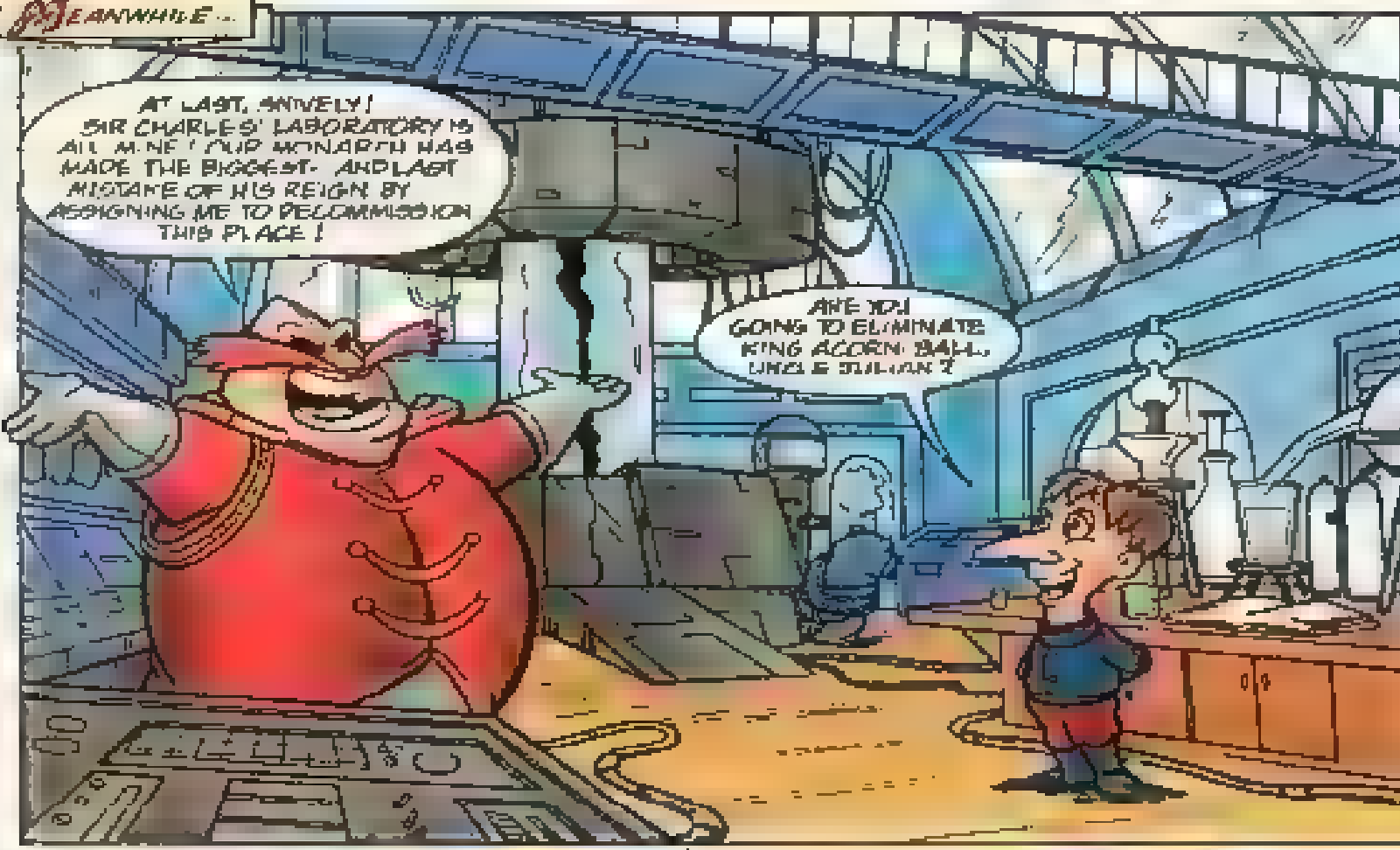
DOT YOU NOW,
SONIC --









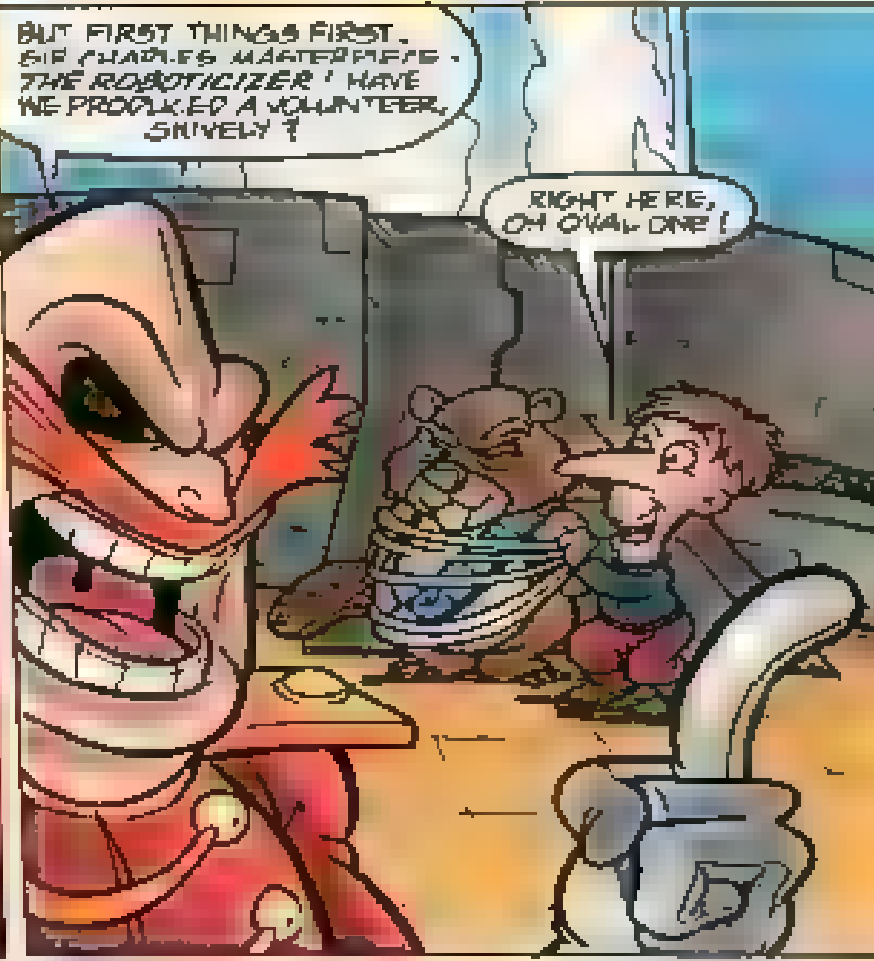


AT LAST, SNIVELY!
SIR CHARLES' LABORATORY IS
ALL MINE! OUR MONARCH HAS
MADE THE BIGGEST AND LAST
MISTAKE OF HIS REIGN BY
ASSIGNING ME TO DECOMMISSION
THIS PLACE!

ARE YOU
GOING TO ELIMINATE
KING ACORN BALL,
UNCLE JULIAN?

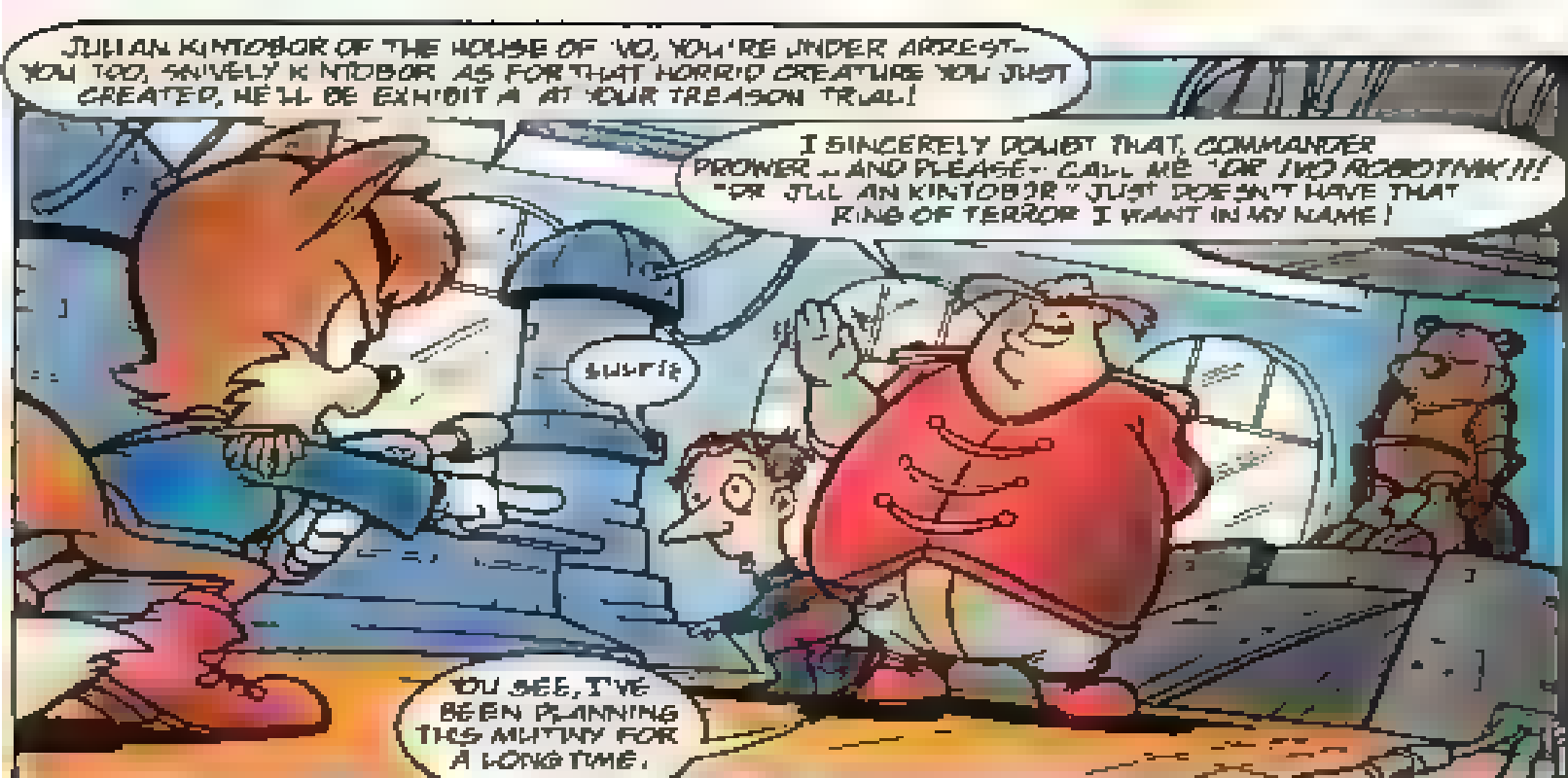


NO, THAT WOULD
BE FAR TOO SIMPLE. INSTEAD
I SHALL SENTENCE HIS MAJESTY
TO AN ETERNITY OF TORTUROUS
SOLITUDE INSIDE THE ZONE OF
SILENCE! AS I DID WITH
WUHLORD KODOS.



BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST.
SIR CHARLES MASTERPIECE -
THE ROBOTICIZER! HAVE
WE PRODUCED A VOLUNTEER,
SNIVELY?

RIGHT HERE,
OH OVAL ONE!





A SHORT WHILE LATER:



LET ME SEE MY LATEST SUBJECT.. HEH-O, LITTLE MILES! *Actually*—HE HAS YOUR TAIL, ROSEMARY!

ACTUALLY, HE HAS BOTH HIS PARENTS' TAILS!



SAKRE-BLEU—DELUXE!

A "TWIN" BY FRENCH—
LE ADJUTANT DU GÉNÉRAL.

YOU'RE DOING FINE, MRS. PROWER. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.

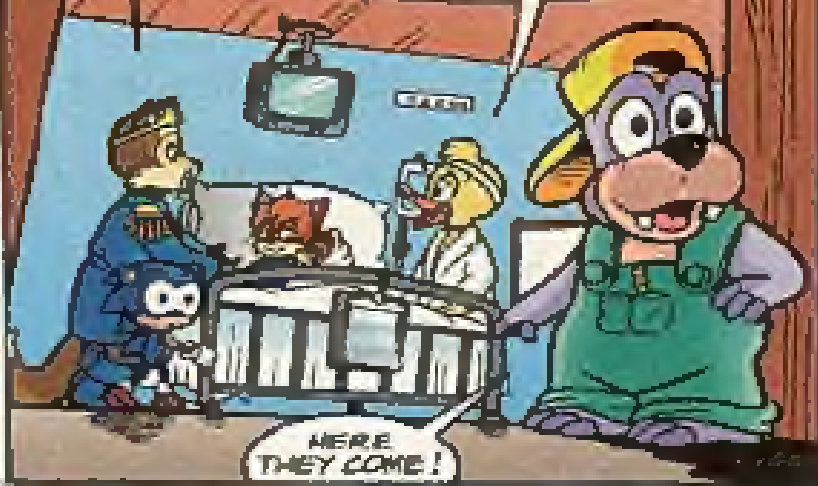
I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PRINCESS AND HER FRIENDS.

YES, I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, CHILDREN!

THANKS, DADDY!

SPEAKING OF THE BOY'S FATHER, WHERE IS AMADEUS?

I CALLED THE LAB. MINISTER JULIAN SAID HE WAS HELPING THEM WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND THEY'D BE HERE SOON.



HERE THEY COME!

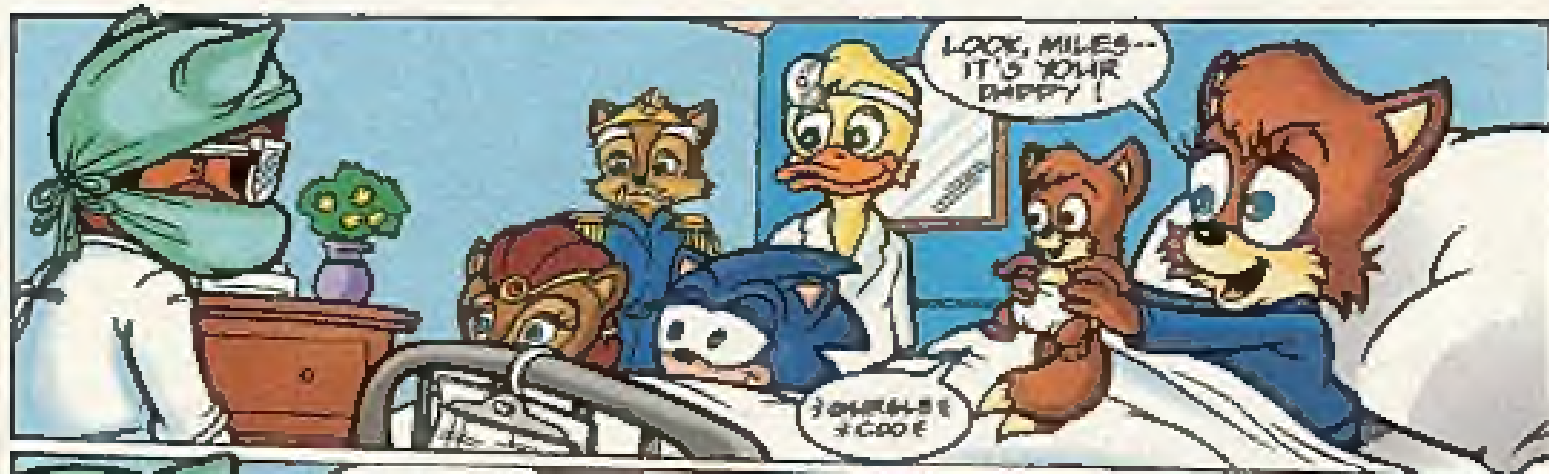
SORRY WE'RE LATE, COMMANDER PROWER WAS IN—ERR—A CONTAMINATED ROOM... BUT AS SOON AS WE HEARD WE RUSHED OVER HERE!

WE WANT TO KEEP HIM STERILE SO THERE'S NO RISK TO THE BABY!

A WISE IDEA.



COME SEE YOUR SON, DARLING!





NICELY
PLAYED!

ROBOTNIK'S
WORK-IS-LAW.

INDEED, SNIVELY!
AS OF TONIGHT, THE AGE
OF IVO ROBOTNIK IS
ABOUT TO COMMENCE!
AND THE CHARGE WILL
BE LED BY AN ARMY OF
MINDLESS, MECHANICAL
MINIONS LIKE THIS
ONE!



THIS POOR, EXHAUSTED WOMAN
HAS GRIPPED HERSELF TO SLEEP. I TOOK
NOW THE BABY'S PUSING.

~WAAAH-NIE
~WAAAH-NIE~

HERE—
MAY I HOLD
HIM?



HEY, LITTLE BUDDY,
I CAN TELL YOU AND
ME ARE GONNA
BE FAST
FRIENDS!

~GOO-GOO-~
GIGGLE!

THE END (AND, UNFORTUNATELY,
FOR THE CITIZENS OF MOBIUS, IT IS
ALSO THE BEGINNING!